

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 12, 19, 22, 27 and 28 as follows:

Sub ✓ 1. (Twice Amended) A stackable shipping pod adapted for use on a relatively large object having a bottom surface with at least one attachment member extending therefrom, and further having an outside perimeter, the shipping pod comprising:

B ✓ a top wall for mating to the bottom surface of the large object, the top wall having at least one elongated opening through which the attachment member is extended for attaching the shipping pod to the large object, the attachment member being movable laterally within the opening to provide selective positioning of the shipping pod relative to the large object among a plurality of positions; and

a perimeter wall extending downwardly from the top wall, the perimeter wall having exterior surface and an interior surface,

wherein the interior surface of the shipping pod nests proximate to the exterior surface of a second subjacent shipping pod when in a stacked orientation.

B ✓ 12. (Amended) A shipping pod adapted for use on vending machines having a bottom surface with at least one attachment member extending therefrom and an outside perimeter, the shipping pod comprising:

a top wall for mating to the bottom surface of a vending machine, the top wall having an opening for receiving the at least one attachment member therein for attaching the shipping pod to the vending machine;

an inner perimeter wall extending downwardly and outwardly from the top wall;
and

an outer perimeter wall spaced apart from the inner perimeter wall and attached thereto, the outer perimeter wall and inner perimeter wall defining a pocket therebetween.

19. (Twice Amended) A stackable shipping pod for use on a relatively large object having a bottom surface with at least one attachment member extending therefrom, the large object further having an outside perimeter, the shipping pod comprising:

an upper wall member having an upper surface for mating with the bottom surface of the large object, the upper wall member having an opening through which the attachment member is extended; and

a sidewall member wall extending downwardly from the periphery of the upper wall member, the sidewall member and upper wall member defining a compartment therebetween, the sidewall member comprising an inner wall and outer wall spaced apart from each other,

wherein in a stacked orientation, the compartment of the shipping pod receives therein the upper wall of a second shipping pod.

22. (Amended) A stackable shipping pod adapted for use on a relatively large object having a bottom surface with at least one attachment member extending therefrom, and further having an outside perimeter, the shipping pod comprising:

a top wall for mating to the bottom surface of the large object, the top wall having at least one opening through which the attachment member is extended for attaching the shipping pod to the large object;

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a perimeter wall extending downwardly and outwardly from the top wall, the perimeter wall having an exterior surface and an interior surface; and

an outer perimeter wall extending upwardly and outwardly from the perimeter wall, wherein the interior surface of the shipping pod nests proximate to the exterior surface of a second subjacent shipping pod when in a stacked orientation.

27. (Amended) The shipping pod of claim 12, wherein the opening of the top wall has an elongated shape in which the at least one attachment member is movable for providing selective lateral positioning of the shipping pod relative the vending machine.

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28. (Amended) The shipping pod of claim 19, wherein the opening of the upper wall member has an elongated shape in which the at least one attachment member is moveable for providing selective lateral positioning of the shipping pod relative to the large object.

Please add new claims 30- 47 as follows

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30. (New) A stackable shipping pod adapted for use on a relatively large object having a bottom surface with an attachment member extending therefrom, and further having an outside perimeter, the shipping pod comprising:

a top wall for mating to the bottom surface of the large object, the top wall having at least one opening through which the attachment member is extended for attaching the shipping pod to the large object;

a perimeter wall extending downwardly from the top wall, the perimeter wall having an exterior surface and an interior surface;

an outer perimeter wall spaced outwardly away from the exterior surface of the perimeter wall, the outer perimeter wall having an uppermost portion below a plane at least substantially defined by an upper surface of the top wall; and

wherein an interior surface of the shipping pod nests proximate to an exterior surface of a second subjacent shipping pod when in a stacked orientation.

31. (New) The stackable shipping pod according to claim 30 further including a wall connecting the perimeter wall to the outer perimeter wall.

32. (New) The shipping pod of claim 30 wherein the top wall, perimeter wall and outer perimeter wall are an integrally molded, plastic, unitary construction.

33. (New) The shipping pod of claim 30 further including a plurality of gussets connecting the exterior surface of the perimeter wall to an interior surface of the outer perimeter wall.

34. (New) The shipping pod of claim 30 further including a plurality of ribs extending radially from the perimeter wall.

35. (New) The shipping pod of claim 34 wherein the plurality of ribs extend radially outwardly from the exterior surface of the perimeter wall.

36. (New) The shipping pod of claim 1 further including an outer perimeter wall spaced outwardly away from the exterior surface of the perimeter wall, the outer perimeter wall having an uppermost portion below a plane at least substantially defined by an upper surface of the top wall.

37. (New) The shipping pod of claim 1 wherein the perimeter wall is substantially rigid.

38. (New) The shipping pod of claim 1 wherein the opening is completely surrounded by the top wall.

39. (New) The shipping pod of claim 1 further including a bottom wall extending outwardly from a lower periphery of the perimeter wall.

40. (New) The shipping pod of claim 39 wherein the bottom wall is at least substantially parallel to the top wall.

41. (New) The shipping pod of claim 39 further including a plurality of ribs extending outwardly from the exterior surface of the perimeter wall and connecting to the bottom wall.

42. (New) A stackable shipping pod adapted for use on a relatively large object having a bottom surface with an attachment member extending therefrom and further having an outside perimeter, the shipping pod comprising:

a top wall for mating to the bottom surface of the large object, the top wall having at least one opening through which the attachment member is extended for attaching the shipping pod to the large object, the attachment member being insertable in any of a plurality of positions through the at least one opening to provide selective positioning of the shipping pod relative to the large object; and

a perimeter wall extending downwardly from the top wall, the perimeter wall having exterior surface and an interior surface,

wherein an interior surface of the shipping pod nests proximate to an exterior surface of a second subjacent shipping pod when in a stacked orientation.

43. (New) The stackable shipping pod of claim 42 wherein the at least one opening is a single opening.

44. (New) The stackable shipping pod of claim 42 further including an outer perimeter wall spaced outwardly away from the exterior surface of the perimeter wall.

45. (New) The stackable shipping pod of claim 44 further including a plurality of ribs extending outwardly from the exterior surface of the perimeter wall to an interior surface of the outer perimeter wall.

46. (New) The stackable shipping pod of claim 42 wherein the outer perimeter wall has an uppermost portion below a plane at least substantially defined by an upper surface of the top wall.

47. (New) A stackable shipping pod adapted for use on a relatively large object having a bottom surface with an attachment member extending therefrom, and further having an outside perimeter, the shipping pod comprising:

- a top wall for mating to the bottom surface of the large object, the top wall having at least one opening through which the attachment member is extended for attaching the shipping pod to the large object;
- a perimeter wall extending downwardly from the top wall, the perimeter wall having an exterior surface and an interior surface;
- an outer perimeter wall spaced outwardly away from the exterior surface of the perimeter wall;
- a plurality of ribs connecting the exterior surface of the perimeter wall to an interior surface of the outer perimeter wall; and
- wherein an interior surface of the shipping pod nests proximate to an exterior surface of a second subjacent shipping pod when in a stacked orientation.

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